

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1941–S1980

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 704–722, and S. Res. 92–97. **Pages S1973–74**

Measures Reported:

S. 178, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system’s response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases. (S. Rept. No. 115–9) **Page S1973**

Measures Passed:

Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services Rule: By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 94), Senate passed S.J. Res. 34, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to “Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services”. **Pages S1942–55**

National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 96, designating March 25, 2017, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”. **Pages S1979–80**

Authorizing the Printing of Senate Committee Rules: Senate agreed to S. Res. 97, authorizing the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate. **Page S1980**

Appointments:

National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–328, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service: Alan Khazei of Massachusetts, Mark Gearan of New York. **Page S1979**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appointed the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Acad-

emy: James Lankford (Committee on Appropriations). **Page S1979**

Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro—Cloture: Senate began consideration of T.D. 114–12, Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro. **Pages S1959–67**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the treaty and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 24, 2017, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017. **Page S1960**

Prior to the consideration of this treaty, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the treaty. **Page S1959**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 27, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the treaty; that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments under Rule XXII for the cloture motion filed during today’s session of the Senate be at 3:30 p.m.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the treaty occur at 5:30 p.m. **Page S1980**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 96), David Friedman, of New York, to be Ambassador to Israel. **Pages S1955–59**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 95), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1955**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.
 (Total—96) Pages S1954–55, S1959

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:54 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1980.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sonny Perdue, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Saxby Chambliss and Representative David Scott, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command, after receiving testimony from General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United States European Command, and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 62 nominations in the Army and Air Force.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense civilian personnel reform, after receiving testimony from Dov S. Zakheim, former Comptroller, Peter K. Levine, performed the duties of the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Laura J. Junor, former Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a

Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine FAA reauthorization, focusing on perspectives on improving airport infrastructure and aviation manufacturing, after receiving testimony from Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Rhonda K. Hamm-Niebruegge, St. Louis Lambert International Airport, St. Louis, Missouri; Bob Montgomery, Southwest Airlines Co., Dallas, Texas; and Gregory J. Fedele, Innova Aerospace, Perryville, Missouri.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, after receiving testimony from Peter Kirsanow, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff, Cleveland, Ohio; Nancy Scott Degan, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Shannon Edwards, Edmond, Oklahoma, both of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary; Deanell Reece Tacha, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge (Retired), Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, California; Robert Harlan Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge (Retired), Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; John L. Kane, U.S. District Court Judge (Senior), District of Colorado, Denver; Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, Guerino J. Calemine, III, Communications Workers of America, Jeff Lamken, MoloLamken, Lawrence Solum, Georgetown University Law Center, Jonathan Turley, The George Washington University Law School, Karen Harned, National Federation of Independent Business Small Business Legal Center, Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center, Alice Fisher, Latham and Watkins, Hannah Smith, Becket, Kristen Clarke, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Sarah Warbelow, Human Rights Campaign, and Leah Bressack, all of Washington, D.C.; Jameel Jaffer, Columbia University Knight First Amendment Institute, and Heather McGhee, Demos, both of New York, New York; Pat Gallagher, Sierra Club Environmental Law Program, Oakland, California; Eve Hill, Goldstein Levy, Baltimore, Maryland; Amy Hagstrom Miller, Whole Woman's Health, Charlottesville, Virginia; William

Marshall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Jeff Perkins, Berthoud, Colorado; Tim Myer, Nashville, Tennessee; Jamil Jaffer, Arlington, Virginia; and Sandy Phillips, Boerne, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 1693–1717; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; H. Con. Res. 39–40; and H. Res. 222–227 were introduced. **Pages H2369–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2371**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 1282, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish Acquisition Review Boards in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–57). **Page H2369**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Bob MacGregor, City Harvest Church, Vancouver, Washington. **Page H2351**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 197 noes with 4 answering "present", Roll No. 190. **Pages H2351, H2362–63**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m. **Page H2360**

Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 221, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 189, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 188. **Pages H2353–60, H2361–62**

Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 34 was held at the desk.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and message received from the Senate appear on pages H2360–61.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2361, H2361–62, and H2362–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HIGH CONSEQUENCES AND UNCERTAIN THREATS: REVIEWING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PROGRAMS FOR COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "High Consequences and Uncertain Threats: Reviewing Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction for Fiscal Year 2018". Testimony was heard from Shari Durand, Acting Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Arthur T. Hopkins, Acting Assistant Secretary, Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs; and Peter Verga, performing the duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense and Global Security.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 1667, the "Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2017". Testimony was heard from Mary Walrath, Bankruptcy Judge, District of Delaware; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR FOSTERING TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals for Fostering Transparency". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE FUTURE OF AMERICA'S SMALL
FAMILY FARMS**

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade held a hearing entitled "The Future of America's Small Family Farms". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 24, 2017**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1628, the "American Health Care Act of 2017" (continued), 7 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, March 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of T.D. 114–12, Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the treaty at 5:30 p.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the treaty is at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, March 24

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 1628—American Health Care Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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